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. Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" In a highly technical matter like this the discussion such as this would only produce confusion. An hon. Member was just now asking for the cost of a needle. There are different types of needles. The content of needles varied from 1 to 25 milligrams and one milligram costs about Rs. 300. While I welcome the spirit with which the Members are asking questions, in a highly technical matter such as this, may I respectfully submit that it will only lead to an erroneous impression by pressing the matter here with so much of heat."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have made any attempt to manufacture these needles in our country ? "

Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" The Government is incompetent to manufacture them in this country."

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that this House is so much interested in the question of these needles because a large amount of money has been spent and for that money needles which are not of use have been supplied ? "

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" My question has not been answered, Sir."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am only too prepared to answer the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, but let him say what is it that he wants."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government made any effort to manufacture the needles in this country ? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It cannot be manufactured by us in this country."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" We are laymen as far as the needles are concerned. But a large number of them have been withdrawn from use. That is what the Hon. Minister said. To that extent the patients getting relief have been denied that. Our personal interest in the matter is to see that the patients get the required treatment. I do not think hon. Member Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar was right in taking us to task on a matter in which we are vitally interested."

Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. I only referred to such questions which are not possible of being answered on the floor of this House. They are all of a very technical nature."

Alleged irregularities in the working of the Bellary Primary Co-operative Stores.

* 25 Q.—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints have been received by the Government as well as the Registrar of Co-operative Societies with regard to the non-furnishing of the particulars referred to in question

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No. 16 answered on 8th March 1950, to members of the Bellary Primary Stores in order that they may ascertain the accurate details before passing the accounts;

(*b*) whether specific complaints have been made with regard to the alleged misappropriation of the value of 7,000 gunny bags during 1947–48 and whether any enquiry has been made with regard to the same and if so, what the result of the enquiry is;

(*c*) whether the Government will lay on the table of the House the report of the officer who made the enquiry;

(*d*) whether the Government will lay on the table of the House the reply sent by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies with regard to the representations received by him; and

(*e*) whether the Government have considered the representations and replies sent by the Registrar and taken action thereon and if so, to what effect?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) No complaint was received by Government. The Registrar received a petition from one Sri H. Seshagiri Rao, an ex-employee of the Bellary Co-operative Stores, requesting him to direct the stores to grant him copies of its audit defects sheet. The petitioner was informed that he could ask for a copy of the audit defects in the general body meeting.

" (*b*) A complaint, dated 4th December 1949, from one Sri B. Rama Rao alleging loss of 7,000 gunnies in the Bellary Stores was received by Government and was forwarded to the Registrar for disposal. An enquiry, into the matter was made by the Co-operative Sub-Registrar, for Supervision of Stores, Bellary. The responsibility for the loss was fixed by the Directors on the salesmen. A sum of Rs. 2,001–8–0 out of an amount of Rs. 2,093–8–0, representing the value of the gunnies, has already been recovered and the balance of Rs. 92 will also be recovered soon.

" (*c*) The report [a] of the Co-operative Sub-Registrar on this question is placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) A copy of the reply sent by the Registrar to Sri Seshagiri Rao with reference to his representation regarding the issue of copies of audit defects is placed on the table of the House. No reply was sent to Sri B. Rama Rao with reference to his complaint regarding the loss of gunny bags, as he was not a member of the stores.

" (*e*) As the Registrar has already taken action, the question of Government taking action does not arise."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that in some of the Co-operative Societies some people are very particular to have detailed information which is denied to them till the general body meeting is held? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" There are certain rules, Sir. The general body has to follow these rules."

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Would it not be practicable, Sir, if the Government issued instructions that these audit defects sheet should be roneoed and issued to such members on payment of actual cost which would be negligible?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Citing one or two instances or complaints, it is not always possible to change the rules."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is not the Hon. Minister aware that in almost every co-operative institution they want the audit defect sheet to be supplied to them and will it not be extremely costly if they are typed and given? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" That is not my point, Sir. If there are general complaints everywhere then the question of altering the rules can be taken up. So long as there is only one or two, by some individual members, it cannot be altered so easily."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that action was taken and money recovered from the salesman six or nine months after the complaint was lodged? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" No, Sir. Long before the complaint was lodged by the gentleman, action was taken."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government consider the amount recovered as very low even if they were old gunnies? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means, whether low or high "

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the general body has a right to ask the audit notes to be read? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" It will be read in the general body meeting."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Instead of wasting time in the meeting would it not be more expedient for sheets being sent to the members one week before the holding of the general meeting? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I think it is much better for the members present there to hear all these things instead of sending them in advance to members."

Removal of a structure erected by the Co-operative Stores, Karaikudi.

*26 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime ago the Co-operative Stores, Karaikudi, erected a structure in front of the stores without obtaining the permission of the competent authority;